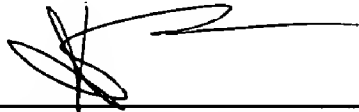


**REMARKS**

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 35 - 45 are present in the application.

Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment is respectfully sought. It is submitted that this Second Preliminary Amendment has been presented to facilitate examination of claims previously withdrawn from prosecution due to a restriction requirement in the most recent proceeding case. It is further submitted that this Second Preliminary Amendment places the application in a condition which conforms and facilitates examination in this matter and does not seek to enter new subject matter in this regard. Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERSION OF AMENDMENTS WITH MARKINGS  
TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the claims:**

Cancel claims 1 - 34 without prejudice.

New claims 35 - 45 have been added.